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SUBJECT: THAI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUESTIONS DESIGNATION OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

REF: BANGKOK 16790

1. EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL MORNING OF AUG 3 FROM MR. THAMNOON THONGKHONG, THIRD SECRETARY IN PROTOCOL DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AND MOST JUNIOR OFFICER THERE), THAMNOON NOTED THAT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES JOHN R. BURKE HAD SENT FIRST PERSON NOTE TO MINISTRY JULY 27 STATING THAT HE WAS DEPARTING BANGKOK ON AUG 1 TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DESIGNATION AS AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA. FIRST PERSON NOTE STATED THAT, "UPON MY DEPARTURE, MINISTER-COUNSELOR DANIEL A. O'DONOHUE WILL ASSUME CHARGE OF THIS MISSION AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM." THAMNOON, PRESUMABLY ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, TOOK THE VIEW THAT A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DID NOT RPT NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER CHARGE D'AFFAIRES UPON HIS DEPARTURE AND THAT A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN ORDER THAT MR. O'DONOHUE COULD BE RECOGNIZED AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

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2. THIS SEEMS A SMALL POINT TO US, BUT RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN A DUEL WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THIS PROTOCOL ISSUE, WE PLAN TO SEND FOLLOWING THIRD PERSON NOTE TO MINISTRY AFTERNOON OF AUG 4 (LOCAL TIME), UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES AN OBJECTION.

3. QTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE TO IT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.:

4. INNER QTE PLEASE INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND THAT, CONSEQUENT UPON THE DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM JOHN R. BURKE ON AUGUST 1, 1977, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS DESIGNATED MR. DANIEL A. O'DONOHUE AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM TO ASSUME CHARGE OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION IN THAILAND. END INNER QTE.

5. QTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QTE. O'DONOHUE

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